

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

- Claims 1-5, 7, 9-14, 16-26, and 28-40 are pending in the Application after entry of this amendment.
- Claims 1, 2, 7, 9-14, 16-26, and 28-40 are rejected by the Examiner.
- Claims 1, 14, 26, and 28-32 are amended.
- Claims 6, 15, and 27 are cancelled.

Telephone Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for granting telephone interview held on 12/20/07. During that interview, proposed amendments that include identified allowable subject matter were discussed. It was agreed that the proposed amendments overcame the cited art.

Claim Rejections Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103 (a)

Claims 1-7,10-14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22-26, and 29-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Antonio et al. (U.S. Publ No. US 2002/00957515) in view of Takahashi (U.S. Patent No. 5,878,020), in view Ninose et al. (US Pat. Publication No. 20030140198), in view of Gonos (U.S. Patent No. 6,901,418) and in further view of Malcolm et al. (U.S. 2002/0004917). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Applicant amends independent Claims 1, 14, and 26 to include the allowable subject matter of cancelled Claims 6, 15, and 27 respectively. Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent Claims 1, 14, and 26 are now allowable. Accordingly, claims which depend on independent Claims 1, 14, and 26 are also allowable. Thus, the amendments herein render Claims 1-7,10-14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22-26, and 29-33 allowable over the cited art of Antonio, Takahashi, Ninose, Gonos, and Malcolm. Applicant further amends independent Claims 1, 14, and 26 to further define the policy manager as implementing rules of an application policy and a file system policy, the application policy defining power management directives within an application, and the file system policy including rules associated with a file system. Applicant finds support for this amendment in paragraphs 0016

and 0018 of the as-filed specification. Claims 28-32 are amended to reflect the computer readable storage medium of Claim 26.

Claims 2, 9, 21, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Antonio et al. (U.S. Publ No. US 2002/00957515) in view of Takahashi (U.S. Patent No. 5,878,020), in view Ninose et al. (US Pat. Publication No. 20030140198), in view of Gonos (U.S. Patent No. 6,901,418), in view of Malcolm et al. (U.S. 2002/0004917) and in further view of Douglas et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,493,670). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Applicant amends independent Claims 1, 14, and 26 to include the allowable subject matter of cancelled Claims 6, 15, and 27 respectively as mentioned above. Thus, the amendments herein render Claims 2, 9, 21, and 28 allowable over the cited art of Antonio, Takahashi, Ninose, Gonos, Malcolm, and Douglas.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Antonio et al. (U.S. Publ No. US 2002/00957515) in view of Takahashi (U.S. Patent No. 5,878,020), in view Ninose et al. (US Pat. Publication No. 20030140198), in view of Gonos (U.S. Patent No. 6,901,418), in view of Malcolm et al. (U.S. 2002/0004917) and in further view of Lu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,684,121). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Applicant amends independent Claim 14 to include the allowable subject matter of cancelled Claim 15 as mentioned above. Thus, the amendments herein render Claim 18 allowable over the cited art of Antonio, Takahashi, Ninose, Gonos, Malcolm, and Lu.

Claim 34 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Antonio et al. (U.S. Publ No. US 2002/00957515) in view of Takahashi (U.S. Patent No. 5,878,020), in view Ninose et al. (US Pat. Publication No. 20030140198), in view of Gonos (U.S. Patent No. 6,901,418), in view of Malcolm et al. (U.S. 2002/0004917) and in further view of Hudson et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0059440). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Applicant amends independent Claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of cancelled Claim 6 as mentioned above. Thus, the amendments herein render Claim 34 allowable over the cited art of Antonio, Takahashi, Ninose, Gonos, Malcolm, and Hudson.

Claims 35-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Antonio et al. (U.S. Publ No. US 2002/00957515) in view of Takahashi (U.S. Patent No. 5,878,020), in view Ninose et al. (US Pat. Publication No. 20030140198), in view of Gonos (U.S. Patent No. 6,901,418), in view of Malcolm et al. (U.S. 2002/0004917) and in further view of Wang. (U.S. Patent No. 6,834,326). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Applicant amends independent Claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of cancelled Claim 6 as mentioned above. Thus, the amendments herein render Claims 34-37 allowable over the cited art of Antonio, Takahashi, Ninose, Gonos, Malcolm, and Wang.

Claims 38-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Antonio et al. (U.S. Publ No. US 2002/00957515) in view of Takahashi (U.S. Patent No. 5,878,020), in view Ninose et al. (US Pat. Publication No. 20030140198), in view of Gonos (U.S. Patent No. 6,901,418), in view of Malcolm et al. (U.S. 2002/0004917) and in further view of Yagawa (U.S. Patent Publ No. 2002/0015946). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Applicant amends independent Claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of cancelled Claim 6 as mentioned above. Thus, the amendments herein render Claims 38-40 allowable over the cited art of Antonio, Takahashi, Ninose, Gonos, Malcolm, and Yagawa.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 38-40 are dependent from independent Claim 1 which patentably defines over the cited art as discussed above. Claims 38-40 are also non-obvious over the cited art.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of all pending claims in light of the amendments above. Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims as they patentably define over the cited art.

Respectfully submitted,

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